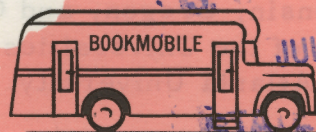


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STATUS OF STATE AID

The campaign for increasing State Aid neared high tide during the week of April 16 when the Senate Finance Committee included in its version of the General Appropriations Bill \$478,519 or 20¢ per capita for State Aid for public libraries. This amount confirms the recommendation of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The request of the Trustee and Public Library Sections of the SCLA for 25¢ per capita or \$613,358 met with enthusiastic support from many organizations and interested citizens over the state. When the Budget and Control Board included only \$326,111 in the budget, a hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee resulted in an increase to \$478,519.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS ANNOUNCED

Thirty South Carolina librarians will attend the Personnel Utilization Workshop to be held in Columbia May 8-10. Co-sponsored by the State Library Board and the University of South Carolina's Bureau of Governmental Research, the workshop is designed to inform library administrators on methods of analyzing work done by their staff and the proper use of professional and non-professional employees.

Representation at the workshop is a requirement of libraries who are participating in the SLB salary supplement program.

The workshop will be conducted by the outstanding librarian-management consultant, Jewel C. Hardkopf.

Early last year Miss Hardkopf conducted two such workshops at Emory University. A number of South Carolina public librarians, eight of them under scholarships from the State Library Board, were in attendance.

Miss Hardkopf has studied at the University of Wisconsin; the School of Library Services, Columbia University; New York University School of Administrative Engineering; and Newark College of Engineering. She has conducted workshops and institutes on library management in Wisconsin, Oregon, and California; and taught "Library Methods Analysis" in the library schools of the Universities of Washington, Hawaii, Denver, California, Drexel Institute, and Atlanta University.

According to Miss Hardkopf, scientific management applies to libraries the management principles and techniques already proved successful to business and industry, with resulting improvement in service to the library clientele.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN LIBRARY SCIENCE

Continuing its program to provide training opportunities for in-service personnel of public libraries in South Carolina, the State Library Board will offer this summer scholarships for the six weeks summer session or the three weeks workshop of a select group of colleges and universities offering courses in librarianship at the undergraduate level.

Eligible for the scholarships are library assistants, and in special cases library administrators, without formal library education 1) who will by July 1, 1967, have been employed at least one year in a public library which meets the requirements for state aid; 2) who in their work have shown promise of ability to profit by training; and 3) who expect to continue in their present positions for at least one year.

Staff members holding Pre-professional and Provisional Pre-professional certificates which have expired will be given priority in awarding the scholarships. Six semester hours are necessary for certification renewal.

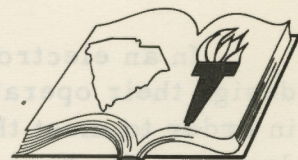
May 15 is the deadline for submission of applications, which are available on request from the State Library Board.

READING ALOUD TO CHILDREN

The Children's Services Division Committee on Library Service to the Disadvantaged has prepared an illustrated brochure, "Reading Aloud to Children." Its purpose is to provide a guide for those new to reading stories aloud. A single copy is free; 20 copies, \$1; 125 copies, \$5; 500 copies, \$15. Order from ALA Children's Services Division, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Continuing in the series "Our Library Leadership", this month's story features the Sumter County Public Library.

Our Library Leadership...



Ground-breaking ceremonies on January 3rd of this year marked significant progress in the efforts that have been made for a new Sumter County Library. Construction of the two-story building is now underway. Total cost of the project, exclusive of the site which was donated by the County, is expected to be \$447,315.



Chapman J. Milling, Jr.



Ramon Schwartz, Jr.

Chapman J. Milling, Jr., librarian at Sumter County Public Library since 1955, received his A. B. degree from the University of South Carolina and holds the M. L. S. degree from Emory University. Prior to coming to Sumter, Mr. Milling taught at Columbia High School in Columbia, S. C., for one year and at Christ School in Arden, N. C., for two years. He is a member and former treasurer of the South Carolina Library Association. An amateur painter, Mr. Milling is also active in the Sumter Little Theatre where he has directed several shows and acted in a number of others.

Ramon Schwartz, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees, holds his A. B. and L. L. B. degrees from the University of South Carolina. A practicing attorney in Sumter for 17 years, he is also a member of the Board of Directors of The National Bank of South Carolina and the Carolina Coca Cola Bottling Company. A member of the Elks Club and the American Legion, Mr. Schwartz is also secretary of the Rotary Club, director of the Solomons Home for the Aged, and chairman of the Housing Authority of Sumter.

SLB TESTS XEROX TELECOPIER

In an electronic era which challenges libraries to re-think their functions and re-design their operations, librarians have had to examine many new devices of automation in order to meet the fast-paced requirements of the "information explosion." One such device is the Xerox Magnavox Telecopier, an innovation for facsimile transmission communications. It shows promise of having wide application in a reference and information referral system such as the State Library Board's Reference and Interlibrary Loan Service.

The Telecopier's capability for reducing errors and the speed with which it transmits documents represents a very significant step in improving library service to business, industrial, technical, and scientific interests in an area. The machine is both a transmitter and a receiver. It will allow the transmission of urgent information requests to the State Library Board. Consequently, it will facilitate a speedy, almost instant, reply to inquiries.

In order to test the effectiveness of the Telecopier for improving both the speed and quality of reference service on a state-wide basis, a three-month experimental demonstration is being conducted with machines installed at the State Library Board, the Charleston County Library, and the Greenville County Library. Use of the Telecopier as a transmitting device for information requests and replies requiring urgency, accuracy, and convenience will be thoroughly tested during the three-month period.

LIBRARY INTERNSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Eighteen young people have been awarded library internships in thirteen South Carolina public libraries for the summer of 1967. This is the ninth year the State Library Board has sponsored the intern program. The sponsoring libraries, the library interns, and their colleges are: Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library - Barbara Yonce, Lander College; Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library - Rosemary A. Dyer, Woman's College of Georgia (Milledgeville, Ga.); Charleston County Library - Sarah G. Anderson, Duke University (Durham, N. C.); Mrs. Judy T. Seward, 1965 graduate of Mankato State College (Mankato, Minn.); Colleton County Library - Nancy W. Peurifoy, Columbia College; Florence County Library - Nancy M. Simons, Columbia College; Mary E. Parrott, University of South Carolina; Greenville County Library - Mary K. Davis, Lander College; Eleanor A. Shaver, Winthrop College; Laurens County Library - Lillian C. Hellams, Lander College; Lexington County Circulating Library - Suzanne Wise, University of South Carolina; Oconee County Library - Jo Ellen Gill, Lander College; Pickens County Library - still pending; Richland County Public Library - Laurie A. Viggiano, Newberry College; Susan E. Smith, Erskine College; Spartanburg County Library - Linda Lou Justus, Columbia College; Thomas W. Simmons, 1965 graduate of Furman University, presently a graduate student at Tulane University (New Orleans, La.); Sumter Carnegie Public Library - Anne M. Lewis, 1940 graduate of Coker College; York County Library - Sandra L. Williams, Erskine College.

THEY LOVE US IN FLORENCE!

(We print, with gratitude, the following letter addressed to Miss Walker, SLB Director, from Dr. George C. Smith, Chairman, Florence County Library Board.)

"At its regular meeting on Wednesday, the Board of Trustees of the Florence County Library . . . went on record as expressing appreciation to you, your staff and the State Library Board for the help, both financial and professional, that we have received during the past three years.

"Without your encouragement and the financial aid offered under this program, the Florence Public Library would not have attempted to expand into a county system. The continuing aid and guidance received from you, your staff and particularly Miss Callaham has helped make possible what success we have achieved. We look on Miss Callaham as practically "a member of the Board" and hope that we may count on your continued assistance. . . .

"Again, our thanks for all the help and encouragement. We still have a long way to go, but at least we are on the way."

CHESTER HAD FIRST EXTENSION SERVICE?

An NLW article in the Chester News, April 12, indicates that Chester County probably had the first rural extension of library service in the state and in the nation.

In the early 1900's, Dr. Delano Fitzgerald, a physician from Baltimore, Maryland, spent the winter months at Lowrys in Chester County.

In 1904 he donated the "People's Free Library of South Carolina" to Lowrys. He built a small building and over the years purchased a total of 1381 books. In addition he subscribed to the top magazines of the day. Dr. Fitzgerald also employed a librarian and was responsible for the maintenance of the building.

In order to make the books more widely available, Dr. Fitzgerald had 22 strong cabinets, which held several dozen books each, constructed. A man was hired to circulate the boxes of books once a month by horse and buggy. There were 22 stops throughout the county.

The library building was closed for some years but operated as a branch of the Chester County Library, 1948-54. The books were transferred to the Chester County Library where many of them remain today.

NOTABLE QUOTE

"A great library contains the diary of the human race."

— George Dawson

PLS WORKSHOP

Librarians, 155 of them, representing almost every county in the state, attended the workshop of the Public Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association, April 14. The theme of the workshop, "To See Ourselves As Others See Us," was introduced in two skits written by Gloria Lindler and Sara Henry of the Spartanburg County Library staff. Other members of the staff appeared in the skits along with Miss Lindler and Miss Henry.

The skits called attention to poor procedures and poor public relations at the circulation desk, and each was followed by discussion periods. Carrie Gene Ashley, ABBE Regional Library; Margaret Mosimann, Charleston County Library; Mrs. Catherine Lewis, Horry County Library; and Norma Lightsey, York County Library, were discussion leaders. Preparatory to the workshop, questionnaires on procedures had been completed by the participating librarians. The discussion leaders summarized the results and, in some instances, called on the librarians to explain further their regulations and procedures.

Richard Moses, librarian of a branch of the Enoch Pratt Library, was the entertaining and informative luncheon speaker. He elaborated further on the impressions librarians make on the public. He discussed publicity, public relations, and library procedures using his experiences as illustrations.

Margie Herron, State Library Board, Chairman of the Public Library Section, presided at the workshop and at the luncheon.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

Mary Aiken, Librarian, Pickens County Library, is the vice-chairman of the Oconee-Pickens Economic Opportunity Federation.

The Saluda Business and Professional Women's Club presented "Rebel Senator: Strom Thurmond" by Alberta Lachicotte and "The History of Edgefield County" by John A. Chapman to the Saluda headquarters of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library.

Laura Smith Ebaugh, Adult Education Consultant, Greenville County Library, was the speaker at the annual banquet of the Foundation for Historic Restoration in the Pendleton area.

The Friends of the Barnwell County Library (ABBE) sponsored a drive for funds to air condition the library, and the units were installed early in April. Individual and business firms contributed to the project.

The Greenville County Library exhibited a bookmobile at the fourth annual Greenville Arts Festival. In the bookmobile an exhibit commemorated the 800th anniversary of Denmark. Arts and crafts as well as books and pamphlets were provided by the Danish Travel Association in New York.

Mrs. A. T. Usher has joined the staff of the Union County-City Carnegie Library. Mrs. Usher was appointed upon the resignation of Mrs. Emmet Garner.

Elmina Lanier Eason lectured on English and Scottish popular ballads at the Charleston County Library on April 10. Miss Eason is a retired professor of English and education. This was the seventh in the monthly series, "What Makes a Book Live," presented by the library.

NLW IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The outstanding event of National Library Week in South Carolina was the ETV program which was broadcast on April 16 and again on April 18 over the 3 ETV stations in the state.

John K. Cauthen, State NLW Chairman, presided and presented Mrs. M. H. Mims, Executive Director for the week, who, in turn, introduced Josephine Crouch, President, South Carolina Library Association.

Lieutenant-Governor John West presented the members of the honorary state committee for National Library Week.

Appearing on the program were Cyril B. Busbee, State Superintendent of Education, who delivered the keynote address; Mrs. Betty Martin, Supervisor of School Libraries, Greenville County, who described the services of school libraries; Barbara Williams, Librarian, S. C. State College, who spoke on the role of college and university libraries; Josephine Neil, Librarian, Sixth Naval District, who told of the services available through the many types of special libraries; Estellene P. Walker, Director, State Library Board, who outlined the work of the board; Jean Galloway, Chairman, Trustees Section, SCLA, who stressed the need for increased state aid for libraries; Mrs. Hagood Bostick, who appeared in a dual role as Librarian of the Richland County Library, whose many activities she described, and as a long time member of the State Library Board.

Observances Here and There Over the State

The Aiken County NLW Committee honored local authors at the Aiken County Public Library (ABBE Region) on April 22. Mrs. Milton Davis was county NLW chairman.

The Art Study Club members planned and managed an art and hobby exhibit at the Barnwell County Library (ABBE Region) for National Library Week. Mrs. Tom Jackson, Williston, was county chairman.

Open House at the recently opened Calhoun Falls branch of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library was held on Sunday afternoon, April 23.

The Liberty Woman's Club conducted a drawing for a free book at the Sarlin Community Library of the Pickens County Library.

Mrs. Derrill Schumpert, Union County chairman for NLW, arranged for displays of books on hobbies with appropriate examples of the hobbies. The garden clubs of Union had a different arrangement on display each day. Book clubs of Union sponsored a poster contest and posters were on display at the library. The clubs contributed \$25 for prizes in the contest. An exhibit of old and rare books was sponsored by the Union County Historical Association.

LIBRARY AIDS SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

The Nancy Carson branch of the ABBE Regional Library has helped three local students to win awards in science fairs. Mary Rose and James Longtin spent many hours at the library doing research for their projects. Mary Rose won a subscription to a science magazine and a tour of Fort Gordon while James, a grand award winner, received a set of Popular Science Encyclopedias. Patty Gamache, also an avid library patron, won in the primary division at Our Lady of Peace fair.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

F. A. Thorpe, Leicester, England, is publishing a series, the "Ulverscroft Large Print Books," for the partially sighted. Adult and juvenile books are included. Request a catalog from W. Thirlby, 1749 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10453.

CAROLINIANA

Gadsden, Christopher. The Writings of Christopher Gadsden, 1746-1805, edited by Richard Walsh. University of South Carolina Press, \$10.00.

Golley, Frank B. South Carolina Mammals. The Charleston Museum, \$6.33 (include tax and postage). Order from the Museum, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

Macaulay, Neill. The Sandino Affair. Quadrangle Books, \$6.95.

SENIOR CITIZENS' MONTH - MAY 1967

"Meeting the Challenge of the Later Years" is the theme for this year's Senior Citizens' Month, May 1967.

President Lyndon B. Johnson's Message on Older Americans to Congress 1967 outlines the most sweeping program. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, John W. Gardner, commented "Our long-range goal -- and here's where the experimental programs come in -- is to help our old Americans to live full and interesting lives, to contribute, to participate, to share in the life of the community."

The following materials are being sent to libraries: President Johnson's Proclamation, a Senior Citizens' Month poster, booklets -- "Guide to Action" and "Is Your Community Ready?", and medicare and health benefit pamphlets.

If you have not received this material, request it from: Administration on Aging, Mrs. W. Q. Collins, Coordinator, Senior Citizens' Month, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D. C. 20201.

ROUND TABLE ON SERVICE TO THE BLIND

There will be two outstanding meetings of the Round Table on Service to the Blind at the ALA San Francisco Conference. The Round Table meets for the express purpose of extending and improving service to the blind and to those whose limited vision prevents the use of materials in ordinary print; for developing and implementing standards for library service and personnel.

Irving Stone, many of whose books have been Brailled and taped, will be the speaker at the program meeting on June 26 and George Shearing, blind pianist and composer, will entertain and talk about what books and libraries have meant to him at the luncheon on June 27.

Luncheon tickets, \$5.50, should be obtained in advance from Charles Gallozzi, Assistant Chief, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Miss Library:

Assuming that your coy nom de plume actually conceals a person knowledgeable in library affairs, I turn to you for information. A year ago, or more precisely fourteen months ago, the library board which I head employed as librarian a young man who came to us highly recommended by his library school. Shortly after his arrival, when the library board was scheduled to meet, Mr. G_____ made it clear that he expected to attend. At the insistence of the vice-chairman and to avoid unpleasantness, I acquiesced. Since then Mr. G_____ has been present for every board meeting; and, needless to say, his presence has been a decided restraint on the free discussion and action of the board.

There is worse to come, however; Mr. G_____ recently informed me that he would like to meet with the committees of the board. This I cannot permit. It is our job to make the decisions, his to carry them out. One or two of my board members disagree with me, but they seem to respect your opinions. Therefore, I would like your corroboration that my position is supported by library policy and practice. I will anticipate your reply by return mail.

Cordially yours,
(name withheld)

_____, Chairman

Library Board

Dear Name Withheld:

And where did you learn about library operations? Sorry, Mr. Chairman, but you turned to the wrong person to corroborate your position.

Assuming that your library board has employed a professional trained librarian and not a flunkey, your views most certainly are not supported by library policy and practice. While it is the responsibility of the library board to establish policies and of the librarian to carry them out, the two must work in close partnership. As the chief administrator of the library, the librarian should be present for all board meetings except when his employment, tenure, or salary is under discussion. As the most "knowledgeable" authority immediately available, his advice and suggestions are indispensable to any committee. As a matter of practice, the librarian is customarily an ex officio member of all committees and attends all meetings. Rather than a restraint on discussion, the librarian should be an active participant in it and a partner in the planning, decisions, and actions of the board.

My suggestion for you, Mr. Chairman, is that, if you want to keep your librarian, you had better start treating him like one. In case you are not aware of it, there are innumerable well-paid positions waiting for any librarian seeking a change. (In most cases, prestige, cooperation, and respect are included in the fringe benefits.) I am only surprised that Mr. G _____ did not pack his bags long ago.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mrs. Henry L. Parr, treasurer of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library Board, whose daughter, Mary Bryan, was the first place winner in the 1966 National Jersey Youth Production Contest and whose son, Henry L. Jr., took fourth place.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

An attractive poster, the official one for Be Kind to Animals Week, Androcles and the Lion, and study guides on Puppies and Dogs, Kittens and Cats, Pet Birds and Small Animals are offered by the American Humane Association, P. O. Box 1266, Denver, Colorado 80201. Ask to be placed on the mailing list.

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